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SUBJECT: BRIZOLA APPOINTMENT IN DEPARTMENT

REF: BRASILIA 5300 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH POINTS RAISED REFTEL. HOWEVER, OVER COURSE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, LONG PRECEDENT HAS BEEN SET FOR RECEIVING VISITING POLITICIANS - BOTH GOVERN-MENT AND OPPOSITION - AND IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS IF BRIZOLA WERE REFUSED AN APPOINTMENT. RECOGNIZING THAT ANY INTERVIEW AT ALL WITH BRIZOLA WILL ENGENDER SOME RESENTMENT IN THE GOB, WE SUGGEST THAT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO RECEIVE BRIZOLA WOULD BE AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL (MCNEIL); THIS WOULD BE HIGH ENOUGH TO SATISFY DOMESTIC INTERESTS, YET ONE LEVEL DOWN FROM BRIZOLA'S LAST CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT (TODMAN). UNLESS EMBASSY ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY, DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY THAT MCNEIL IS SEEING BRIZOLA AND REASONS FOR IT IN ADVANCE OF APPOINTMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO BRIZOLA (AND BRASEMB) THAT THE USG VALUES ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOB; THAT USG HAS NO MESSAGE FOR BRIZOLA OR TO PASS THROUGH BRIZOLA; FURTHER, THAT USG HAS NO ENDORSEMENT TO OFFER BRIZOLA, OR ANY OTHER CANDIDATE (OR NON-CANDIDATE) IN THE BRAZILIAN ELECTIONS (OR POLITICAL PROCESS).

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